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1. SUMMARY UN SECURITY COUNCIL (UNSC) MET AFTERNOON DECEMBER 22
AND ADOPTED DRAFT NONALIGNED-WEASTERN RESOLUTION ON PORTUGUESE
TIMOR UNANIMOUSLY BY 15 VOTES TO NONE. TEXT OF RESOLUTION
ADOPTED (REF A) UNCHANGED FROM THAT IN REF D. END SUMMARY

2. UNSC PRESIDENT RICHARD (UK) INTRODUCED DRAFT RESOLUTION
FROM CHAIR. NUMBER OF UNSC MEMBERS AND INTERESTED PARTIES SPOKE
DURING MEETING.

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3. BEFORE VOTE, GUINEA (CISSE) SPOKE TO SAY IN PART: "GUINEA CONDEMNS

INVASION AND URGES INDONESIA NOT TO STRAY FROM ITS HONORED
PLACE AMONG THE NON-ALIGNED".

4. AFTER RICHARD HAD PUT THE RESOLUTION TO VOTE, CHINA (LAI YA-LI)
SPOKE TO DENOUNCE INDONESIA, URGE IT TO WITHDRAW,
AND CEASE ALL INTERVENTION IN PORTUGUESE TIMOR. LAI YA-LI
THEN GRUMBLED AGAIN ABOUT OPERATIVE PARAS 3,4, AND 5 (REF B)
AND SAID CHINA SAY NO NEED FOR UN SECRETARY GENERAL
(UNSG) TO SEND REPRESENTATIVE TO PORTUGUESE TIMOR. HOWEVER,
IF SO, UNSG'S REPRESENTATIVE SHOULD DO SO ONLY TO OBSERVE
WITHDRAWAL OF INDONESIAN FORCES.

5. CAMEROONS (OYONO) APPEALED TO INDONESIA AS "FRATERNAL
COUNTRY BELONGING TO THE NON-ALIGNED" TO CREATE CONDITIONS
FOR SELF-DETERMINATION IN EAST TIMOR. OYONO SAID THAT THE UN MUST
ACT TO PREVENT A POSSIBLE VACUUM OF AUTHORITY IN EAST
TIMOR WHEN INDONESIANS WITHDRAW.

6. GUYANA (SANDERS) CALLED FOR CONDITIONS FAVORABLE TO SELF-
DETERMINATION AND FOR NO OUTSIDE INTERFERENCE IN THE DOMESTIC
AFFAIRS OF EAST TIMOR.

7. SWEDEN(RYDBECK) REGRETTED THAT RECENT DEVELOPMENTS IN EAST
TIMOR HAD DEMONSTRATED THAT "HIGH EXPECTATIONS" FOR DECOLONIZA-
TION CAN BE ACCOMPANIED BY "VULNERABILITY" AND "UNCERTAINTY".
RYDBECK SAID SWEDEN WOULD HAVE PREFERRED "MORE SPECIFICITY" IN THE
RESOLUTION. THERE COULD BE NO CONDONING OF OCCUPATION NO
MATTER WHAT THE PRETEXT". RYDBECK EMPHASIZED TOO THAT PORTUGAL MUST
"EXERCISE ITS RESPONSIBILITIES."

8. JAPAN (SAITO) APPLAUDED UNANIMOUS ADOPTION, ALTHOUGH NOTING
THAT RESOLUTION DID NOT FULLY SATISFY ALL. SAITO PAID
"SPECIAL TRIBUTE" TO THE NON-ALIGNED (GUYANA, TANZANIA AND THE
CAMEROONS) WHO DID MUCH OF THE DRAFTING AND HEEDED THE VIEWS
OF OTHERS. HE STRESSED THAT THE PRIMARY TASK IS TO RE-ESTABLISH
PEACE AND ORDER IN PORTUGUESE TIMOR SO AS TO "ENABLE"
INDONESIA'S WITHDRAWAL. SAITO HOPED THAT THE UNSG'S REPRESENTATIVE
WOULD DEPART IMMEDIATELY.
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9. COSTA RICA (SALAZAR) SAID, WHILE IT TRUE THAT UNSC HAD
HEARD REPRESENTATIVES OF ALL THE PARTIES CONCERNED, INFORMATION
AVAILABLE WAS STILL FRAGMENTARY REGARDING SITUATION IN PORTUGUESE
TIMOR. IN OTHER SITUATIONS, REPRESENTATIVES OF THE UNSG HAD
PULLED TOGETHER THE FACTS ACCURATELY. SALAZAR MADE CLEAR THE HOPE
THAT THIS AGAIN WOULD PROVE THE CASE. SALAZAR, WHILE NOTING
TURMOIL IN PORTUGAL SINCE APRIL 25, 1974, COULD NOT JUSTIFY

PORTUGAL'S PERFORMANCE IN TIMOR NOR INDONESIA'S ARMED INTERVENTION.

10. ITALY (VINCI) SAW THE RESOLUTION AS A "PROPER BALANCE". IT SEEKS TO MAKE A UN PRESENCE FELT AT ONCE IN ORDER TO AVOID A VACUUM. VINCI PRAISED THE "GREAT SPIRIT OF COOPERATION" DEMONSTRATED BY TANZANIA, THE CAMEROONS AND GUYANA AND THEIR "GREAT SENSE OF RESPONSIBILITY AS UNSC MEMBERS" IN DRAFTING THE JOINT RESOLUTION.

11. TANZANIA (SALIM) URGED ESTABLISHMENT OF CONDITIONS CONDUCIVE TO SELF-DETERMINATION.

12. FRANCE (LECOMPT) EXPRESSED PLEASURE OVER THE JOINT EFFORTS TO DRAW UP A RESOLUTION. LECOMPT DESCRIBED THE RESOLUTION'S "BALANCE" AS ITS "MAIN MERIT". FRANCE CONSIDERED IT MORE BALANCED THAN UNGA RESOLUTION 3485 (XXX) OF DECEMBER 12 ON WHICH FRANCE ABSTAINED.

13. FRETILIN (HORTA) THEN SPOKE TO EMPHASIZE THAT FRETILIN HAD CAPTURED CONSIDERABLE QUANTITIES OF US-MANUFACTURED ARMS FROM THE INDONESIANS. HE STRESSED THAT THE US, AUSTRALIA, AND THE UK HAD PROVIDED INDONESIA ARMS TO PRESERVE ITS SECURITY NOT TO MOUNT AGGRESSION. HORTA SAID IT WAS "IMPOSSIBLE TO STOP THE MARCH OF THE PEOPLE". THE LONGER TINDONESIA REMAINED IN EAST TIMOR THE GREAT WOULD BE THE BLOODSHED. HORTA SAID FRETILIN WOULD ALWAYS BE READY FOR TALKS. FRETILIN WANTED PEACE AND INDEPENDENCE FOR EAST TIMOR. HORTA CONCLUDED THAT IT WELCOMED THE SC RESOLUTION AND CALLED FOR URGENT IMPLEMENATION OF OPERATIVE PARAS 1 AND 2.

14. PORTUGAL (GALVAO TELEX) CALLED FOR AN END TO MILITARY LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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AGGRESSION BY INDONESIA. GALVAO TELES DESCRIBED THE RESOLUTION AS "UNFAIR" BECAUSE IT DID NOT EXPLAIN DIFFICULTIES MADE FOR PORTUGAL IN TIMOR BY INDONESIA. FURTHERMORE, THE RESOLUTION DID NOT RECOGNIZE THAT PORTUGAL HAD DONE ALL IT COULD TO PROMOTE SELF-DETERMINATION IN THE FACE OF INDONESIA'S INTERFERENCE. ON THE WHOLE, HOWEVER, GALVAO TELES CONSIDERED THE RESOLUTION "POSITIVE". AND ONE THAT SHOULD HELP THE PEOPLE OF PORTUGUESE TIMOR TO BECOME FREE.

15. INDONESIA (SANI), AFTER EXPRESSING "SINCERE THANKS AND APPRECIATION" TO PRESIDENT RICHARD AND THE OTHER DELEGATIONS FOR THEIR EFFORTS ON THE RESOLUTION, SAID INDONESIA WAS NOT FULLY HAPPY WITH THE RESOLUTION BECAUSE IT DID NOT TAKE "SUFFICIENTLY INTO CONSIDERATION" WHAT HAD IN EFFECT HAD HAPPENED IN EAST TIMOR. SANI HOPED THAT MEASURES TAKEN IN EAST TIMOR

WOULD INDEED ESTABLISH TRUE PEACE. THEREFORE, WHATEVER THE
ACTION THE UN DECIDES, SUCH ACTION MUST BE BASED ON
CLOSE CONSULTATION WITH EAST TIMOR'S PEOPLE. SANI CONCLUDED THAT
INDONESIA, FOR ITS PART, WOULD DO ITS BEST TO
COOPERATE WITH THE UN.
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